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SUBJECT: N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE ON BAKKE AGREEMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF EXCHANGE WITH DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN AT DECEMBER 13 DAILY PRESS BRIEFING CONCERNING  
N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE ON KISSINGER LETTER TO FMC CHAIRMAN:  
QUOTE:

Q: THERE IS A REPORT PUBLISHED ON SATURDAY, I GUESS,  
THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD ACCUSED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION OF SIGNING AN AGREEMENT WITH  
THE SOVIET UNION WITHOUT INFORMING THE STATE DEPARTMENT.  
CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ON THAT SUBJECT?

A: I THINK THAT IS AN OLD STORY WHICH CAME UP WHEN THERE  
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WAS THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT THAT A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
HAD BEEN SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL MARITIME  
COMMISSION WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART. AND THE FACT THAT  
WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE CONCLUSION  
OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, WE FOUND IT UNUSUAL THAT  
APPARENTLY AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED,

OR TALKED ABOUT, WITH A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH US.  
HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENTLY -- AND I THINK THIS WAS SAID ON THE RECORD HERE, IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN -- THE MARITIME COMMISSION TOLD US THAT THIS WAS A MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT AND WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT, AND IT REPRESENTED AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND OUR OWN AUTHORITIES AS TO INTENTIONS ON REGULATING OF RATES. BUT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH US.

UNQUOTE.  
ROBINSON

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